



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROCEDURE

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Effectiveness: (915) 831-6740

GDA-1 College Smoking Regulations APPROVED: August 8, 1987 **REVISED:** April 8, 2016
Year of last review: 2021
AUTHORIZING BOARD POLICY: GDA

Classification: Institutional
Responsible Vice President or Associate Vice President: Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services
Designated Contact: Chief of Police

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that all premises inside any El Paso County Community College District facilities, as authorized by Chapter 9.50 of the Municipal Code of the City of El Paso and Texas Penal Code Section 48.01, will be designated as "no-smoking" facilities.

I. General

A. Health Concern

1. The El Paso County Community College District recognizes the increasing evidence that tobacco use and second-hand tobacco smoke create a danger to the health of some citizens, and is a cause of annoyance and discomfort to those who are in confined spaces.
2. To provide a good healthy, learning and working environment, smoking will be prohibited inside any District building.

B. Definitions

“Smoking” as used in this procedure, refers to the inhaling, exhaling, burning, chewing or carrying of a tobacco product and any lighted smoking device equipment that includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, electronic or vapor cigarettes, cigars, hookahs or pipes.

II. Process: Citations and Enforcement

A. Misdemeanor offense:

Violation of the ordinance is considered a misdemeanor offense. Each day of violation can be considered a separate offense and a fine of up to \$200 may be imposed under the ordinance.

B. Enforcement:

The College Police Department, or any other law enforcement officer empowered by the State of Texas to enforce state laws, will enforce this procedure.